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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Termination of Project [redacted]

1. This memorandum requests formal termination of Project [redacted] effective 30 June 1974.

2. Project [redacted] a covert action activity, provided financial support to two small Chilean political parties, the Democratic Radical Party (PDR) and the Radical Party of the Left (PIR), which formed part of the democratic opposition to the Popular Unity coalition of former President Salvador Allende. [redacted]

3. The [redacted] Project also covered funds passed to the PDR and PIR in accordance with 40 Committee authorizations. The only pertinent 40 Committee action in FY 1974 was the approval on 20 August 1973 of $1,000,000 for continuing covert support to opposition political parties and private sector organization, of which [redacted] was designated for support of [redacted]. The sum of [redacted] of this [redacted] had been committed to [redacted] for organizational expenses, including [redacted] prior to the 11 September 1973 coup. On 25 September the 40 Committee was notified that the coup had changed the situation in Chile so completely that the 20 August 40 Committee approval was no longer considered to be valid. (A copy of this 25 September 1973 memorandum to the 40 Committee is attached.)

4. This project was approved for [redacted] in FY 1974 of which [redacted] was obligated [redacted] Funds in the amount of [redacted] which were programmed for this project in FY 1975, are no longer required.

[redacted]

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25 September 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Rob Roy Ratliffe
Executive Secretary of the 40 Committee

SUBJECT: Cancellation of 20 August 1973
40 Committee Approval

1. On 20 August 1973 the 40 Committee approved $1,000,000 for support of Chilean political parties and private sector organizations opposed to the Allende regime. The military coup of 11 September 1973 changed the situation in Chile so completely that we no longer consider the 20 August 1973 40 Committee approval to be valid.

2. In due course we intend to submit a new memorandum to the 40 Committee describing proposed new political and covert action operations in Chile.

/s/ David A. Phillips

David A. Phillips
Chief
Western Hemisphere Division

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